

An eye for art



The Norton Community High School art students and six other schools competed in the MCL Art Show held at Logan's Hansen Museum gallery last Sunday. It was the 35th Annual High School Art Show held by the museum. All of the work was put on display last Friday and will be up for public viewing until March 11. Visitors enjoyed work done in pencil, paint, clay and many other mediums. Several of Norton's students received Best in Show and numerous students received Honorable Mention for their work.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Award winning plants selected

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I look forward each year to the announcement of the All America winning vegetables and flowers. This year marks the 80th anniversary of this announcement, and although there seems to be a lack of numbers this year, the selections committee more than made up for the lack of numbers with seemingly beautiful and useful bits of plant life that will soon grace our gardens.

All America Selections is a non-profit organization that oversees the planting, growing, harvesting, and introduction of never-before grown flower and vegetable varieties. There are actually 200 professional gardeners in America and Canada who grow the plant life to maturity. They submit their best offerings to the committee for judging, and then the best of the best is offered for sale to the public. It is indeed a tough ticket for these outstanding cultivars to reach our backyard garden.

The selection process was organized in 1932, and seldom has their been so few introductions made as there are this year. There are only five selections for 2012. Apparently, in the eyes of the judges, none of the other hundreds and hundreds of submissions were worthy. It was also a bit distressing that the committee was so late in making the announcement of the new selections that it was impossible for the seed catalogues to list their availability.

But here are the winners, in all their new found glory. First, we have an ornamental pepper called BLACK OLIVE, described by the judges as truly a standout. It features a bushy 20 inch high growing habit and forms little black or purple fruit in small clusters on its stem. The peppers will turn red in the fall, and are indeed edible, but fiery hot!

The bright purple flowers and dark purple foliage add to its usefulness, and is highly recommended for container growing.

Gardeners who enjoy vincas will absolutely love the new JAMS N' JELLIES BLACKBERRY vinca that boasts deep purple 2-inch blooms that have a white eye. The flower petals appear almost black. The easy-to-grow plants have excellent tolerance to heat and drought.

Then we have an award winning salvia called SUMMER JEWEL PINK. It is listed as a dwarf plant with a prolific blooming capability that will bloom as much as 2 weeks earlier than other salvias. It is said to be a favorite of hummingbirds.

Next, a couple of interesting vegetable winners. One is a slightly spicy pepper whose name is CAYENNETTA that yields dozens of 3 to 4 inch fruit that have extremely good pepper flavor. The extra thick foliage protects the fruit nicely from sun scald.

In my opinion, the 2012 All America Selection with the most overall interest is a new 4 to 6 pound watermelon named FAIRIE. There have been several new so called "ice box" watermelon introductions in the past 10 years, but this one is a non-traditional melon. It matures into a creamy yellow outside color with thin stripes, and deliciously crisp pink-red flesh inside. The vines are extremely vigorous but spread to only about 10 feet. FAIRIE is its name.

There you have it....this year's rather meager offerings from the All America Selections committee, circa 2012. If you can find the seed or plants this year, you'll be lucky. But if you do, you can depend on them to grow and produce exceptionally well!

SHERIFF'S LOG

Jan. 27 Incident VIN inspection Criminal damage to property Motor vehicle accident Vehicle assist Fingerprints	(3) Animal calls Traffic stop Feb. 1 (2) VIN inspections Document service Trash dumping Found/lost property Creating a hazard	VIN inspections (2) Contact with public Feb. 4 (3) Disabled vehicle Cattle out Feb. 5 Disturbance-fight Feb. 6 911 hangup call (2) VIN inspections Traffic stop (2) Animal calls Cattle out Fire Feb. 7 Disabled vehicle VIN inspection
Jan. 28 Juvenile complaint	Feb. 2 Welfare check Traffic stop	
Jan. 29 VIN inspection	Feb. 3 Reckless driver (2) Motor vehicle accidents with animal VIN inspection Document service Traffic control	
Jan. 30 VIN inspection Traffic stop Animal call		
Jan. 31 (2) VIN inspections EMS-ambulance run		

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS Sat., Feb. 18-Sat., Feb., 25 FFA Week Monday, Feb. 20 FFA Pals Valentine's Party, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m. Senior announcements delivered, A.P. BB vs. Colby (Senior Night) Post Prom soup supper, 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL: MCEL Music Festival Prom menu committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 State Wrestling at FHSU, 10 a.m. KMEA Convention in Wichita	Friday, Feb. 24 State Wrestling at FHSU, 10 a.m. KMEA Convention in Wichita Saturday, Feb. 25 Forensics at Hays, 8 a.m. KMEA Convention in Wichita Sunday, Feb. 26 Mr. NCHS-East Campus Auditorium, 2 p.m. NJHS Monday, Feb. 20 Band and vocal concert-JH Gym, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 Wrestling at Phillipsburg-Osborne, Plainville and Trego, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL: MCEL Music Festival MCEL meeting in Norton, noon EES Monday, Feb. 20	FFA Pals Valentine's Party, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL; Parent/Teacher Conferences Northern Valley Monday, Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL - President's Day Tuesday, Feb. 21 Robotics class in Mr. Tharman's room, 3:30-5 p.m. HS BB at Logan, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 KMEA State Honor Band and Choir at Wichita GNEC Scholars Bowl at Damar, 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 KMEA State Honor Band and Choir at Wichita HS BB vs. Golden Plains at Rexford, 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 KMEA State Honor Band and Choir at Wichita HS Forensics meet at Hays
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SCHOOL MENU

Norton Jr.-Sr. High Schools Menu Monday, Feb. 20 Breakfast-Hard boiled egg, sausage patty, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk. Lunch-Cheese hamburger, lettuce and tomato, corn, peaches, chocolate pudding or chef salad and milk. Tuesday, Feb. 21 Breakfast-Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk. Lunch-Soft taco, lettuce, chopped tomato and shredded cheese, roll w/margarine, corn, pears or chef salad and milk. Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL-MCEL Music Festival Thursday, Feb. 23 Breakfast-Blueberry muffin square, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk. Lunch-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes w/country gravy, carrots, roll w/margarine, peaches and kiwi or chef salad and milk. Friday, Feb. 24 Breakfast-Breakfast burrito, hash brown patty, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.	Lunch-Ham and cheese roll-up, corn, potato salad, sweetened applesauce or chef salad and milk. EES Menu Monday, Feb. 20 Breakfast-Banana bread, fruit cocktail, grape juice and milk. Lunch-Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk. Tuesday, Feb. 21 Breakfast-Sausage gravy, biscuit, orange juice and milk. Lunch-Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie and milk. Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL Thursday, Feb. 23 Breakfast-Sausage patty w/biscuit, apple juice and milk. Lunch-Scalloped chicken, corn, sweet heart pears, celery stick, whole wheat roll and milk. Friday, Feb. 24 Breakfast-Hot french toast, warm maple syrup, pears, orange juice and milk. Lunch-Tuna noodles, green beans, Mandarin oranges, cheese rolls and milk.
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STUDENT NEWS



Norton Community High School Student of the Month for January

Student : Darcy Bainter
Parents : David and Vicki Bainter
Grade : Sophomore
Nominating Staff Member: Mr. Garrett Beydler and Mrs. Robin Sides
Comment from nominating Staff Members:
Darcy is an "excellent student, hard worker, good volunteer, honest and sincere young lady." Mr. Garrett Beydler
"Darcy works hard in class and is always willing to put in extra time on the yearbook

staff. She is a smart, dedicated student who has a positive demeanor." Mrs. Robin Sides
Factoids about Darcy
Favorite Class : Journalism (Yearbook)
Favorite Drink : Apple Juice
Favorite Color : Red
Favorite Food : Pasta
Favorite Movie : The Help
Favorite Saying : "when in doubt, waffle"
Favorite Song : Set Fire to the Rain by Adele
Favorite Hangout: A friend's house.
Personal Hero : My parents.
Future Plans : Go to K-State and possibly study Criminology.



Student: Cody Ellis
Parents: Brock and Kim Ellis
Grade: Junior
Nominating Staff Member: Mr. Roy Palmer and Mrs. Marlene Sumner
Comments from nominating staff members:
"Cody works hard, is conscientious and is courteous to the students that he is around." Mr. Roy Palmer
"He is always polite, eager to help when asked. Attendance is very good and is involved in many activities at NCHS. Cody often tells me about projects he is working on, which exhibits pride. His energy is contagious." Mrs. Marlene Sumner

Factoids about Cody
Favorite Class : Wood shop
Favorite Drink : Orange Juice
Favorite Color : Lime Green
Favorite Food : Prime Rib
Favorite Movie : Captain America
Favorite Saying : "All men are born for Greatness."
Favorite Song : Sexy and I Know It
Favorite Hang out : The "Shack"
Personal Hero : Mr. McKinney
Future Plans : Not sure yet, but most likely go to Fort Hays State University for Industrial Technology, then come back and start a wood business.

Duplicate Bridge

The winners of Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday night at Norton Manor were Joyce Sumner and David Graham in first place and Jerry Moritz and Myron Veh took second place honors.

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